Sowing of pulses

†2476. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sowing area of pulses in Kharif crop in the year 2009 is more as compared to that of year 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of total production of pulses during Kharif crops in the year 2008 and 2009 respectively; and

(d) the reasons for lesser production of pulses despite sowing area being more?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The area and production of pulses during 2008 & 2009 is given as under:

(area in '000' ha) (production '000 tonnes)

Crop	2008 (Kharif)		2009 (Kharif)	
	Area	Production	Area	Production
Total	9875.8	4776.2	10107.3	4421.2*

Pulses (Kharif)

*As per the 1st advance estimate of kharif

(d) The reasons for lesser production of pulses during kharif 2009 are:

(i) Late sowing due to late setting up of South West monsoon;

(ii) Drought in kharif due to uneven distribution of rainfall/ deficient and erratic rainfall during kharaif 2009 in the pulse producing states;

(iii) Damage by flood in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka due to heavy rains received during last week of September, 2009 and first week of October, 2009.

Commercial production of new variety seeds of pulses

†2477. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that yield of pulses per hectare in India is 635 kg. While average yield of pulses in USA and Canada is 1900 kg. per hectare;

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